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a' **Figures 2a and 2b** illustrate nip 30 between rollers 18, 22 as they act on web 16. In **Figure 2a** the portion of web shown 16 is free of any contaminants, it is seen that web 16 is embossed between the protuberances 20 of roller 18 and the recesses of roller 24 as web 16 is deflected therebetween, with the gap defined as the distance between rollers 18, 22. In **Figure 2b** the portion of web shown 16 includes a contaminating particle 40, such as a particle of glue or plastic, it is seen that web 16 is again deflected between the protuberances 20 of roller 18 and the recesses of roller 24, however particle 40, which may be non-compressible, will also be lodged between protuberance 20 and recess 24. However, as roller 22 is formed from deformable material a temporary recess 42 will be formed in recess 24 of roller 22 which permits particle 40 to pass without damaging rollers 18, 22. If both rollers were formed from harder material contaminants would easily damage, or become lodged in, the rollers.